

## CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY

**NAME:** Mitch Weiss

- 1) I have lived in Blue River for 9 years and Summit County for 19 years.
- 2) I received my BS in Psychology from Montclair State College. I also earned a BSBA in Business from the University of Denver, majoring in Hotel and Restaurant Administration. I am also a Colorado State Licensed Community Association Manager, a Certified Hotel Administrator (University of Michigan), and a State Licensed Insurance Producer.
- 3) I am a current Board member of Breckenridge Lodging Association, past Board member of Breckenridge Resort Chamber and a past Board member of Breckenridge Central Reservations. I have served as President of the Upper Village Home Owner Association, a Breckenridge Master HOA of 26 HOA's and approximately 1100 members. I served as a board member for the Vail Resort Chamber and I sat on the Breckenridge Resort Chamber Marketing Committee. I also was involved with a committee working cooperatively with Vail Resorts and United Airlines to contract air service into the Eagle Airport.
- 4) I am running for the Mayor's seat in order to serve the community and to help protect the ambiance of Blue River that most of us moved here for. I will work to enhance the residential nature of our community in such a way as to grow property values while maintaining our tranquil life-style. One of my primary goals is to encourage the participation of our town residents in truly defining their vision of what they would like to see occur in Blue River, and then working together toward a viable plan. I believe it is important to create an atmosphere where the residents feel appreciated and concern is shown for the things that are important to them. An on-going dialogue will help us to create that. Finally, I would like to assure you that I believe that town government is primarily responsible for providing safe roads, sound infrastructure, a healthy financial position, and a protected environment. Beyond that, town government should only be involved to coordinate projects, resolve or insure reasonable compliance with reasonable town regulations and to assist our residents in working toward a mutually acceptable agreement.
- 5) I feel that one of the challenges facing Blue River is the need for greater governmental transparency. This can be achieved with ongoing community dialogue and an open handed approach. Community involvement and engagement is a challenge, but one that we can reasonably overcome. That being said, I do feel that the town has made recent progress in improving accessibility.

Another challenge will be assessing and prioritizing the various projects currently on the table.

Zoning issues regarding rental housing and locks offs on both a long and short term basis also appears to be an area that has driven concerns.

The never ending challenge, and one close to all our hearts, is finding ways to continue to increase property values. Enhancing our community with value added benefits that are consistent with our lifestyle and residential nature will surely assist in this effort.

6) I am a consensus builder and am always open to “out of the box” thinking and creative ways of meeting an end goal. I have 37 years of management experience in Resort hotels, urban hotels, condominiums, Master Home Owner Associations, restaurants and catering. I have numerous years of experience working on multi-million dollar renovation projects, with strong financial, contract, sales and marketing management experience.